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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

WE SUGGEST THAT THE AMBASSADOR TALK TO JOHN THOMAS
SOMETIME NEXT WEEK ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF STAGE II OF THE
NEW EMBASSY PROJECT (SEE MOSCOW 1605, 1811 AND STATE
035718). WE PROPOSE THAT AMBASSADOR REFER TO THAT
EXCHANGE OF CABLES AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. NO ONE HERE BELIEVES THE SOVIETS HAVE THE MANAGERIAL
AND LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH STAGE II OF THE
PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF NON-SOVIET
MATERIALS AND THE USE OF AMERICAN OR EUROPEAN SUB-
CONTRACTORS.

B. WE REALIZE THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT
THIS PROBLEM AND HAS TAKEN SOME INITIAL STEPS. FOR
EXAMPLE, FBO HAS BROKEN UP THE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
(AIR CONDITIONING, HEATING, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, ETC.)
INTO 32 BIDABLE PACKAGES. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND
WILL IMPROVE OUR CONTROL'

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C. WE MUST DO MORE HOWEVER. IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO
WE WILL BEGIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EMBASSY. BY THAT TIME WE
SHOULD HAVE DEVELOPED A CLEAR CONCEPT OF HOW WE WILL
MANAGE STAGE II, AS WELL AS OUR STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES
FOR THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

D. WE DO NOT CLAIM ANY CONSTRUCTION EXPERTISE, BUT WE BELIEVE FBO OR AN AMERICAN PRIVATE CONSTRUCTOR SHOULD HAVE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR STAGE II. WE PREFER FBO AND IN ANY CASE, FBO HAS BEEN AND WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE ENDLESS AMOUNTS OF TECHNICAL DETAILS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE SOVIETS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION METHODS. SINCE FBO WILL HAVE MUCH DE FACTO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT THEY (OR A U.S. CONTRACTOR) SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE MANAGERIAL AUTHORITY OVER STAGE II. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE HELD TO ACCOUNT BY THE CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC, WE HAD BETTER RETAIN AS MUCH CONTROL OF THE SITUATION AS POSSIBLE.

E. WE REALIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM, BUT WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EMBASSY, TO DEVELOP AN OVER-ALL STRATEGY SOON FOR STAGE II. MATLOCK

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